suggestions was notified on 27th September, 1999. The notification inter alia lays down the procedure and criteria for management of municipal solid waste, specifications for landfill site, site selection criteria and standards for disposal of treated leachates. A time schedule for implementation has also been specified.

Anti-Rabies Vaccine

946. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come across reports that a new anti-rabies vaccine has been developed by the NDDB;

(b) whether NDDB has submitted relevant information to Government for clearance and standardisation;

(c) to what extent this new vaccine would be made accessible to large number of poor people who are affected and need anti-rabies vaccine; and

(d) the details of steps proposed by Government to utilise the new indigenously developed anti-rabies vaccine in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The Human Biological Institute, Udhagamandalam, under the control of NDDS has developed a new Anti-rabies (Tissue Culture) Vaccine under the trade name ABHAYRAB.

(b) Proposal received from NDDB was processed as per the Statutory Rules by the Directorate General of Health Services. After successful standardisation and laboratory testing, the permission was awarded to the firm on 6.8.1998. Also NDDB has developed a liquid Rabies Vaccine (Gel absorbed), which is presently undergoing clinical studies in the country.

(c) and (d) NDDB is setting up 1000 vaccination clinics all over the country which will provide ABHAYRAB vaccine at a cost which is about 30% less than the case of presently available vaccines. 455 such clinics have already been established.